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TITLE OF INVENTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGING ANTERIOR STRUCTURES OF THE EYE
(AS AMENDED)

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment and the affidavit filed on May 20, 1997
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-12, 16, 18, 19, 21-34, 37, 38, 45, 47-56. Claims 2, 13-15, 20, 35, 36, 39-44, and 46 have been cancelled.
- ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3.
- ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
- ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows:
 - ✓ The word "points" (claim 33, line 3 and claim 34, line 3) has been changed to --targets--.
 - ✓ The word "read" (claim 52, line 3) has been changed to --recorded--.
3. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: The boxes in Fig.1 have been labeled. See the examiner's drawing amendment. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The affidavits under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 of Carl F. Knopp and Jan Wysopal filed May 20, 1997 are acceptable. Therefore, the Snook reference is not applicable. Thus, claims 50,21 are allowable over the prior art of record. The limitations of an apparatus for imaging anterior structures of the eye in claims 1,3-12,16,18,19,22-34,37,38,45,47-49,51-56 comprising projecting means for projecting light onto the eye along a predetermined axis, means for capturing an image of the eye aligned at a predetermined angle from the projecting means, means for rotating the projecting means and the capturing means about said predetermined axis and an alignment determining assembly comprising a first target means and a second target means, each of which is located on a first determined axis, with said first target means being closest to the eye, so that visual alignment of the first target means with the second target means results in the eye being aligned along a second predetermined axis are neither disclosed in a

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reference nor suggest to combined with any other teachings in the prior art. Therefore, these claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy Mai whose telephone number is (703) 308-4874.



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August 17, 1997